Kucinich Announces Witness List for Hearing to Examine New GAO Findings on Problems in USDA Enforcement at Slaughterhouses

Washington D.C. (March 1, 2010) – Chairman Kucinich (D-OH) today announced the witness list for the oversight hearing entitled "Continuing Problems in USDA's Enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act." The hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010 in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the findings of a new GAO report on USDA enforcement of Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. This report was requested by Chairman Kucinich and Rep. Issa in 2008.

This will be the second Domestic Policy Subcommittee hearing on the topic, the first of which was held on April 17, 2008

Witness List

Panel I

Mr. Jerold Mande Deputy Undersecretary for Food Safety USDA

Ms. Lisa Shames
Director Natural Resources and the Environment
Government Accountability Office

Panel II

Dr. Dean Wyatt FSIS Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian Williston, VT

Mr. Stanley Painter Chairman, National Joint Council of Food Inspection Locals American Federation of Government Employees

Mr. Bev Eggleston Owner Ecofriendly Foods LLC

Mr. Wayne Pacelle President and CEO Humane Society of the United States